

പ്രോജക്ടുകളിൽ നിന്നും ലഭിക്കുന്ന തുകകൊണ്ട് ഓണറേറിയവും മറ്റ് ആനുകൂല്യങ്ങളും നൽകാൻ സാധിക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

1997-98 കാലയളവിലെ കണക്കുകൾ പ്രകാരം ഡയറക്ടറുടെ ശമ്പളം, ആനുകൂല്യങ്ങൾ എന്നയിനത്തിൽ 3.29 ശതമാനവും ഓണറേറിയം ഇനത്തിൽ 36.43 ശതമാനവും വിനിയോഗിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്. നിർമ്മിതി കേന്ദ്രം പ്രോജക്ടുകളിൽ നിന്നുള്ള വരുമാനത്തിന്റെയും ചിലവുകളുടേയും കാര്യത്തിൽ സ്വയം പര്യാപ്തമാണ്.

(കെ) ഇക്കാര്യം തൽക്കാലം സർക്കാരിന്റെ പരിഗണനയിലില്ല.

(3) വൈകി കിട്ടിയ ഉത്തരങ്ങൾ

(പന്ത്രണ്ടാം സമ്മേളനത്തിലെ 16.12.99 ലെ ചോദ്യങ്ങളുടെ പട്ടികയിൽ ഉൾപ്പെടുത്തിയിരുന്നതും എന്നാൽ യഥാസമയം ഉത്തരങ്ങൾ ലഭിക്കാതിരുന്നതുമായ ചോദ്യങ്ങളുടെ ഉത്തരങ്ങൾ)

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ശ്രീ. മാമ്മൻ മത്തായി : താഴെ കാണുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസവും മരാമത്തും വകുപ്പുമന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി നൽകുമോ:

(എ) ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി.യുടെ ബാങ്ക് അക്കൗണ്ടുകൾ ആരുടെയൊക്കെ പേരിലാണ്;

(ബി) ഏത് മാനദണ്ഡമനുസരിച്ചാണ് ഇപ്രകാരം ആളുകളുടെ പേരിൽ പണം നിക്ഷേപിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്;

(സി) ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി.യ്ക്ക് ഏതെല്ലാം ബാങ്കുകളിലാണ് നിക്ഷേപമുള്ളത്;

(ഡി) ഈ ഗവൺമെന്റിന്റെ കാലത്ത് ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി. യുടെ പേരിലുള്ള തിരുവല്ലാ ബാങ്കിലെ അക്കൗണ്ടുകളിൽ തിരിമറി നടന്നതിന്റെ പേരിൽ ഗവൺമെന്റ് നടപടി സ്വീകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ഇ) എന്തു തിരിമറികളാണ് നടന്നിട്ടുള്ളതെന്ന് വെളിപ്പെടുത്തുമോ;

(എഫ്) തിരിമറി നടന്ന തീയതിക്ക് മുൻപായി അന്നത്തെ ഡയറക്ടറായിരുന്ന ശ്രീ. വി. സുരേഷ്കുമാർ തിരുവല്ലാ ബ്രാഞ്ചിൽ നിന്നും അക്കൗണ്ട് തിരുവനന്തപുരത്തേക്ക് മാറ്റണമെന്ന് പ്രൊപ്പോസൽ നൽകിയിരുന്നോ;

(ജി) ഈ പ്രൊപ്പോസൽ നിരാകരിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ; എങ്കിൽ കാരണങ്ങൾ വ്യക്തമാക്കുമോ;

(എച്ച്) ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി. യുടെ പേരിലുള്ള തിരുവല്ലാ ബാങ്കിലെ അക്കൗണ്ടിലെ തിരിമറികൾ സംബന്ധിച്ച് ഫിനാൻസ് ഇൻസ്പെക്ഷൻ വിംഗിനെക്കൊണ്ട് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ടോ;

(ഐ) എങ്കിൽ അന്വേഷണ റിപ്പോർട്ട് മേശപ്പുറത്തു വയ്ക്കുമോ?

ഉത്തരം

(എ)&(ബി) ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി. യുടെ ബാങ്ക് അക്കൗണ്ടുകൾ വ്യക്തിയുടെ പേരിൽ തുറക്കുകയോ, പണം നിക്ഷേപിക്കുകയോ ചെയ്തിട്ടില്ല. പെഡസ്ക് ഫൈനാൻഷ്യൽ റെഗുലേഷൻ അധ്യായം 3 ചട്ടം 2 അനുസരിച്ച് സ്റ്റേറ്റ്

പ്രോജക്ട് ഡയറക്ടർക്കും ജില്ലാ പ്രോജക്ട് കോ-ഓർഡിനേറ്റർക്കും നാഷണലൈസ്ഡ് ബാങ്കുകളിൽ അക്കൗണ്ടുകൾ തുറക്കുവാൻ അനുമതി ഉണ്ട്. പ്രത്യേക സാഹചര്യങ്ങളിൽ സബോർഡിനേറ്റ് ഓഫീസേഴ്സിന് ഗ്രാമീണ ബാങ്കുകൾ, സഹകരണ ബാങ്കുകൾ, പോസ്റ്റ് ഓഫീസ് എന്നിവിടങ്ങളിൽ സ്റ്റേറ്റ് പ്രോജക്ട് ഡയറക്ടറുടെ അനുമതിയോടെ അക്കൗണ്ടുകൾ തുറക്കാവുന്നതാണ്. അപ്രകാരം സംസ്ഥാന തലത്തിൽ സ്റ്റേറ്റ് പ്രോജക്ട് ഡയറക്ടറും (മെമ്പർ സെക്രട്ടറി, പെഡസ്ക്) എന്ന പേരിൽ ജില്ലാ തലത്തിൽ പ്രോജക്ട് കോ-ഓർഡിനേറ്ററും ഫൈനാൻസ് ആൻഡ് അഡ്മിനിസ്ട്രേറ്റീവ് ഓഫീസറും സംയുക്തമായും പെഡസ്ക് ഫണ്ട് ഓപ്പറേറ്റ് ചെയ്യുന്നു.

(സി) താഴെ പറയുന്ന ബാങ്കുകളിൽ ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി.ക്ക് അക്കൗണ്ടുകൾ ഉണ്ട്.

സംസ്ഥാനതലം (സ്റ്റേറ്റ് പ്രോജക്ട് ഓഫീസ്, തിരുവനന്തപുരം)

1. എസ്.ബി.ഐ. നന്തൻകോട്, തിരുവനന്തപുരം
2. ബാങ്ക് ഓഫ് ഇൻഡ്യ തിരുവല്ലം, തിരുവനന്തപുരം

ജില്ലാതലം : ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി. തിരുവനന്തപുരം ജില്ല

സ്റ്റേറ്റ് ബാങ്ക് ഓഫ് ട്രാവൻകൂറിന്റെ ജഗതി, പുജപ്പുര കരമന ശാഖകളിലും ബി.ആർ.സി.കൾ സ്ഥിതി ചെയ്യുന്ന സ്ഥലത്തുള്ള മറ്റു എസ്.ബി.റ്റി. ശാഖകളിലുമാണ് പണം നിക്ഷേപിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്. ബി.ആർ.സി. ബാലരാമപുരത്തെ ഫണ്ട് സ്റ്റേറ്റ് ബാങ്ക് ഓഫ് ഇൻഡ്യയിലാണ് നിക്ഷേപിച്ചിട്ടുള്ളത്.

2. ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി. പാലക്കാട് ജില്ല

സ്റ്റേറ്റ് ബാങ്ക് ഓഫ് ഇൻഡ്യയുടെയും സ്റ്റേറ്റ് ബാങ്ക് ഓഫ് ട്രാവൻകൂറിന്റെയും വിവിധ ശാഖകളിൽ പണം നിക്ഷേപിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

3. ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി. വയനാട് ജില്ല

- (1) സ്റ്റേറ്റ് ബാങ്ക് ഓഫ് ട്രാവൻകൂർ, കൽപ്പറ്റ.
- (2) വയനാട് ജില്ലാ സഹകരണ ബാങ്ക് കൽപ്പറ്റ.
- (3) കാനന ബാങ്ക് കൽപ്പറ്റ.
- (4) സ്റ്റേറ്റ് ബാങ്ക് ഓഫ് ഇൻഡ്യ, കൈമാടി.
- (5) നോർത്ത് മലബാർ ഗ്രാമീണ ബാങ്ക് മാനന്തവാടി. ബി.ആർ.സി. കളുടെ അക്കൗണ്ടുകൾ എസ്.ബി.റ്റി. യുടെ മാനന്തവാടി, കൽപ്പറ്റ, സുൽത്താൻബത്തേരി ശാഖകളിലാണ് ഉള്ളത്.

4. ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി. ഇടുക്കി ജില്ല

എസ്.ബി.റ്റിയുടെയും യൂണിയൻ ബാങ്കിന്റെയും വിവിധ ശാഖകളിൽ.

5. ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി. കാസർഗോഡ്

- (1) ബാങ്ക് ഓഫ് ഇൻഡ്യ.
- (2) നോർത്ത് മലബാർ ഗ്രാമീണ ബാങ്ക്.
- (3) സിൻഡിക്കേറ്റ് ബാങ്ക്.
- (4) വിജയ ബാങ്ക്.
- (5) ഇൻഡ്യൻ ബാങ്ക്.
- (6) കാനന ബാങ്ക്.

6. ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി. മലപ്പുറം ജില്ല

- (1) സ്റ്റേറ്റ് ബാങ്ക് ഓഫ് ട്രാവൻകൂർ
- (2) കാനറ ബാങ്ക്.
- (3) ഡിസ്ട്രിക്ട് കോ-ഓപ്പറേറ്റീവ് ബാങ്ക്, മലപ്പുറം.
- (4) ഇൻഡ്യൻ ഓവർസീസ് ബാങ്ക്.
- (5) സ്റ്റേറ്റ് ബാങ്ക് ഓഫ് ഇന്ത്യ

(ഡി) ബാങ്ക് ഓഫ് ഇൻഡ്യ തിരുവല്ലം ശാഖയിലെ ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി. അക്കൗണ്ടിൽ തിരിമറി നടന്നതായുള്ള പത്രവാർത്തകൾ ശ്രദ്ധയിൽപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുണ്ട്. ഇതിന്റെ അടിസ്ഥാനത്തിൽ ഡി.പി.ഇ.പി.യുടെ ധനകാര്യ ഇടപാടുകളെ കുറിച്ച് ധനകാര്യ ഇൻസ്പെക്ഷൻ വിംഗ് അന്വേഷണം നടത്തിയിട്ടുണ്ട്.

(ഇ) അന്വേഷണ റിപ്പോർട്ട് മേശപ്പുറത്ത് വയ്ക്കുന്നുണ്ട്.

(എഫ്) ഇല്ല.

(ജി) ഉദിക്കുന്നില്ല.

(എച്ച്) ഉണ്ട്.

(ഐ) അന്വേഷണ റിപ്പോർട്ടിന്റെ പ്രസക്തഭാഗം (അനുബന്ധം മേശപ്പുറത്തു വയ്ക്കുന്നു. ⁺

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(എ) ഹയർസെക്കണ്ടറി ഡയറക്ടറേറ്റിൽ സ്റ്റാഫ് നിയമനം പൂർണ്ണമായും യൂണിവേഴ്സിറ്റിയിൽ നിന്നും കൊളിജിയറ്റ് എഡ്യൂക്കേഷനിൽ നിന്നും ലഭ്യമായിട്ടുള്ള ഓപ്ഷൻ മുഖാന്തിരമാണോ നടക്കുന്നത്;

(ബി) ഇനിയും പിരിച്ചുവിട്ടിട്ടില്ലാത്ത ഡെയിലി വേജസ് ജീവനക്കാർ എത്ര;

(സി) ഇവർ എത്ര നാളായി ഈ ഓഫീസിൽ ജോലി നോക്കുന്നു;

(ഡി) ഓപ്ഷൻ ലിസ്റ്റിൽ ആളുള്ളപ്പോൾ ഡെയ്ലി വേജസ്സുകാരെ നിയമിക്കുന്നുണ്ടോ;

(ഇ) എങ്കിൽ കാരണം വ്യക്തമാക്കുമോ?

ഉത്തരം

(എ) അതെ.

(ബി) 4 പേർ ഡെയിലി വേജ് വ്യവസ്ഥയിൽ ജോലി നോക്കുന്നു. ഇതിൽ 3 പേർ പ്യൂൺ തസ്തികയിലും ശേഷിക്കുന്നയാൾ കമ്പ്യൂട്ടർ ഓപ്പറേറ്ററുമാകുന്നു.

(സി) ഒരു മാസം മുതൽ 14 മാസം വരെ വിവിധ കാലഘട്ടങ്ങളിലായി ഇവർ ജോലി നോക്കുന്നു.

Secretary, District Panchayath Kannur has requested Government to upgrade this road as Major District Road

Government has examined the matter in detail and sanction is accorded to upgrade Payyavoor-Kunnathur-Palayad-Padamkavala-Kanhirakolli road as Major District Road and revesting in PWD as provided under section 169(3) of Kerala Panchayath Raj Act.

By Order of the Governor,

K.K. Suresh Babu
Under Secretary

To

The Chief Engineer (Roads & Bridges), Thiruvananthapuram.
The Superintending Engineer (Roads & Bridges), North Circle, Kozhikode.
The Executive Engineer, PWD, Roads Division, Kannur.
Local Administration Department (vide U.O. No., 12689/P3/99/LAD dated 3.8.99)
Director of Panchayath.

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REPORT ON ENQUIRY CONDUCTED BY FINANCE INSPECTION WING ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMME (DPEP)

The Secretary (General Education) in his note dt. 20.7.1998 proposed to conduct an urgent enquiry into the Bank Accounts and other financial dealings of DPEP by Finance Inspection wing which is read as follows :

"A news item has appeared in Malayala Manorama on the 19th and 20th of July about some financial irregularities in the operation of the DPEP bank accounts. The allegations are serious in nature. It is reported that CBI is enquiring into the allegations.

Neither the CBI nor any other agency has informed the Government about these developments. But the reported allegations are by no means light and cannot be ignored. It is necessary to make a detailed enquiry to assess the extent of irregularities and financial management, especially with regard to the various bank accounts operated by DPEP. As a project with considerable academic importance and functional autonomy, allegations like this should not be allowed to mars the credibility of the project".

In the above circumstances, FIW may be asked to conduct an urgent enquiry into the Bank Accounts and other financial dealings of DPEP. Based on that report we can finalise the future course of action".

On the basis of the above note and as agreed to by Hon. Minister for Education, Hon. Minister (Finance) has ordered to conduct an enquiry by FIW. Accordingly the FIW conducted an enquiry into the bank accounts and other financial dealings of Primary Education Development Society of Kerala (PEDSK), Thiruvananthapuram to probe into the irregularities as alleged in the news published in Malayala manorama dt. 19.7.1998. The findings are narrated below in two parts. The first part consists of the findings of the irregularities in Bank Accounts and the Second part reveals the other financial irregularities and mis-management of fund utilisation connected with the implementation of DPEP. The report on inspection conducted in districts of DPEP will be furnished separately within two months.

ORGANISATIONAL SET-UP

The Dist. Primary Education Programme was launched by Govt. of India in 1994 on the basis of the National Policy of Education and the world Declaration of Education for all. The scheme is being implemented by Govt. of India with the assistance received from International Development Agency (World Bank). The main objectives of the scheme are :

1. to provide according to national norms, access for all children to primary education classes (I-V)
2. to reduce over all primary drop out rates for all students to less than 10 percent.
3. to reduce difference in enrolment drop out and learning achievement among gender and social groups to less 5 percent and
4. to raise average achievement levels by at least 25 percent over Measures Base Line Levels and achievement of basic Literary and numerary competencies.

The primary Education Development Society of Kerala (PEDSK) was registered as an independent autonomous Society under the provision of the Travancore-Cochin Literary Scientific and Charitable Societies Act 1955 for the implementation of Dist. Primary Education. Government have accorded sanction for this as per order No. 27/94/GE dn. dt. 4.3.94. The Hon. Chief Minister and Hon. Minister (Education) are the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Governing body respectively. The Secretary to Government, General Education Department and the Director of Public Instructions are the President and Vice-President of the Governing Body, wherein the Secretaries in charge of Finance, Planning and Tribal Welfare Department are members. The State Project Director (SPD) of the PEDSK is the Member Secretary of this Organisation. The funds received from the Govt. of India is routed to the Society as grant for the implementation of the programme.

The various activities have to be taken up in Kerala over the seven years project period and expected to be completed by 31.3.2002. The funds required for implementation of DPEP were released to PEDSK as grant by Govt. of India and state Govt. in the ratio 85:15. The quantum of assistance for each year was based

on the Annual work plan Budget of PEDSK as approved by Govt. of India. The scheme is being implemented in Kerala in two phases. In the first phase three Districts with lower female literacy ratings, viz. Malappuram, Wayanad and Kassargod, were selected. The scheme has undertaken in Palakkad, Idukki and Thiruvananthapuram as second phase. PEDSK have seperate Service Regulations and DPEP Guidelines for the implementation of Programme.

PART I

A news item captined "DPEP fund Deposit 13 lakhs mis-appropriated" was published in the Malayala Manorama Daily dated 19.7.1998. Certain serious irregularities against DPEP was alleged in the news item. The Finance Inspection Wing conducted an enquiry in Bank of India, Thiruvallom on 3.8.1998 and Kozhikode on 5.8.98. In addition, an enquiry has also conducted during the month of August 1998 at Dhanalekshmi Bank, Attukal and SBT, Manacaud and the matter was discussed with the officials of Central Bureau of Investigation.

The first bank account of PEDSK was opened on 28.4.94 in SBT, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram in the name of State Project Director, PEDSK vide account No. SB. 20008. Meanwhile another SB account was also opened in the name of Member Secretary, PEDSK on 9.12.94 in the Bank of India, Thiruvallam by depositing an amount of Rs. 2,39,11,000/- A third SB account was also opened in SBI, Nanthencode in the name of SPD on 26.4.1995 by depositing an amount of Rs. 50 lakhs without closing the account maintained at SBT, Vazhuthacaud. The account at State Bank of Travencore Vazhuthacaud was seen closed on 9.5.1997.

The account number of SB account in Bank of India Thiruvallam is 6120 and the following major ambunts has been deposited in the above account since the account opened.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
9.4.94	Rs. 239.11 lakhs
2.2.95	Rs. 51.00 lakhs
14.6.95	Rs. 40.00 lakhs
13.2.96	Rs. 500.92 lakhs
25.4.96	Rs. 500.93 lakhs
31.3.97	Rs. 305.00 lakhs

It is noted that the closing balance of the above account on 12.2.1996, 28.9.1996 and 31.1.1997 was Rs. 3,10,655, Rs. 8,07,85,032 and Rs. 4,14,76,032 respectively. It is noted that fradulent transfer and deposit have been occurred since 12.2.1996 to 31.3.1997.

In the news published in the Malayala Manorama daily dt. 19.7.1998 it was alleged that "Shri. K. Suresh Kumar the then Director of DPEP has withdrawn an amount of Rs. 2 Crores from the Savings Bank account maintained in the bank and deposited the above amount in fixed deposit for obtaining higher

rate of interest". On enquiry the Manager Bank of India, Thiruvallam reported that no written document has been received from any Officer from DPEP for withdrawing the alleged amount from Savings Bank account and there have not been any transfer of amounts from the account of DPEP from Thiruvallam branch to Bank of India, Mavoor Road Branch Kozhikode. Shri. Bhagavath Krishnan held the charge of Manager of the above branch from 11.7.1991 to 18.6.1995.

The Inspection team conducted an enquiry in Bank of India Mavoor Road Branch, Kozhikode on 5.8.1998. Shri. Rama Krishnan Iyer the present Manager of the above branch was present at the time of enquiry. He informed the Inspection team that the replies to the enquiry note the Finance Inspection wing could be furnished only after obtaining permission from their Regional Office, Thiruvananthapuram. But he furnished informally the details connected with the transfer credit of amount from Thiruvallam to Mavoor Road branch.

A fixed deposit account was opened in the name of Shri. K. Suresh Kumar, Member Secretary, PEDSK on 13.2.1996 vide A/c No. 68. An amount of Rs. 3 crores has been received from Bank of India, Thiruvallam on 13.2.1996 as per credit note, ie. intex branch transfer to the above account for 46 days under BOISTAR scheme in thousands units. After the maturity period it is being renewed.

In addition to the above fixed account a SB account was also opened on 29.9.95 in the name of Member Secretary PEDSK. The account number of the above SB account was 1185. A sum of Rs. 6 lakhs has been deposited at the time of opening the SB account. The above SB account was closed on 5.5.97. Besides the above 3 Crores a sum of Rs. 1. Crores have also been deposited in the name of Shri. Suresh Kumar as FD on 6.5.96. The interest of the above deposits have been transferred in the name of Shri. K. Suresh Kumar through Demand Draft drawn at Bank of India Main Branch Thiruvananthapuram. The details of interest and the date of transfer and amount etc. are shown below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
3.4.96	Rs. 378081.00
18.5.96	Rs. 378081.00
22.10.96	Rs. 400000.00
13.5.97	Rs. 180431.00
Total	Rs. 13,36,593.00

The Manager has reported that the official address of Shri. K. Suresh Kumar was cancelled while transferring the interest to Thiruvananthapuram by Demand Draft. The amount of Rs. 3 Crores and 1 Crores have been returned to Thiruvallam branch on 8.10.96 and 6.11.96 respectively. He has also reported that not formal application is seen filed in the Mavoor Branch for opening the account. Shri. Bhagavath Krishnan hold the charge of Branch Manager in the above branch from 19.6.95 to 23.5.98.

The irregularity pointed out in the news paper regarding the interest deposited in the Dhanalekshmi Bank, Attukal and SBT Manacaud was also looked into by inspection team.

A Savings Bank Account was opened in the Dhana Lekshmi Bank, Attukal on 15.5.96 in the name of Shri. K. Suresh Kumar, Aswathy, Kulathara P.O, Karamana. The number of the above account was 2954. One Smt. Sheela the account holder (No. 2916) of the above bank has introduced Shri. K. Suresh Kumar for opening the Savings Bank account. The account was opened with an amount of Rs. 200/- on 15.5.1996. The details of deposit and withdrawal from the above account is detailed below :

Date	DD No. & Date	Amount	Name of Bank
22.5.96	000933 dt. 18.5.96	Rs. 378081.00	B.O.I, Kozhikode
22.5.97	323615 dt. 13.5.97	Rs. 180431.00	B.O.I, Kozhikode

Out of the above amount an amount of Rs 1,23,000/- was withdrawn as cash and Rs. 2,55,000/- was also transfer credited into the account number 2916 of Smt. Sheela. An amount of Rs. 1,80,000/- was also withdrawn as cash on 24.5.97 and Rs. 721/- the balance amount in the account has been transfer credited in the account number of Sheela. The above account was closed on 25.7.1997.

The Branch Manager of the above bank reported that Shri. K. Suresh Kumar has not opened any account in the Status of Director, DPEP or in the address of House No. 16, M.G. Nagar, Peroorkada. The specimen signature of Shri. K. Suresh Kumar, then State Programme Director and Shri. K. Suresh Kumar, the account holder of the above bank are placed in Annexure I & II. On verification of the above two signature it is noted that there is no resemblance. Smt. K. Jayalekshmy, the present Manager of the above bank was present at the time of enquiry.

A Savings Bank account was also opened in the name of Shri. K. Suresh Kumar, K.R. House, Attukal, Chiramukku, Manacaud P.O, on 14.1.1996 with an amount of Rs. 700/- in the SBT, Manacaud. The number of the above account was 18192 and one Mr. S.K. Babu, account holder of SBT, Main branch, Thiruvananthapuram introduced him for opening the SB Account in the SBT, Manacaud. The details of deposits and withdrawal of the above account is furnished below:

A) DEPOSIT

D.D. No. & Date	Date of Credit	Amount Drawn on
Drawn by		
1. 000754 3.4.96	6.4.96	3,78,000.00
Bank of India, Tvm.	Bank of India, Kozhikode	
2. 000023 22.10.96	26.10.96	4,00,000.00

b) Withdrawal

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
6.4.96	1,63,000.00
9.4.96	2,10,000.00
26.10.96	2,85,000.00
12.11.96	45,000.00
6.12.96	60,000.00
Other short withdrawal amounting to	16,031.00
Total	7,79,031.00

The Speciman Signature of the above account holder has placed in Annexure III. The above account was closed on 30.1.97. Shri. V.N. Sudarsh, the Present Manager of the bank was present at the time of enquiry. He showed the Photograph of the account holder and the same has no resemblance with Shri. K. Suresh Kumar, then State Project Director, DPEP.

Meanwhile the Branch Manager, Bank of India, Mavoor Road, Kozhikode has furnished his reply vide Lr. No. MVR. SRI. 87 dt. 14.8.98 after consulting the Regional Manager, Thiruvananthapuram and the reply is as follows:

"We have been instructed by Regional Office, Thiruvananthapuram to inform you that our Thiruvallam branch has already given reply in connection with the above. It has also been instructed that we need not give any details from this Branch as the matter has been replied to by our Thiruvallam Branch".

The Inspection team had requested to furnish the remarks of the then Project Director, DPEP regarding the circumstances in which he has prepared to deposit crores of rupees in Bank of India, Thiruvallam, 8 km away from where the office of SPD is functioning. He furnished his reply as follows :

"When he was working as Director, Higher Secondary Education holding additional charge only as State Project Director of DPEP, the Governing Body of PEDSK had authorised the State Project Director to open bank account in any Nationalised bank and to operate accounts. At that time, Managers of several banks has approached him requesting to open account at their banks. Shri. Bhagavath Krishnan the then Manager of the Thiruvallam branch of Bank of India had also approached him for the same purpose. Shri. Bhagarath Krishnan who had studies in the St. Joseph's High School, Thiruvananthapuram one year senior to him was introduced to him by a personal friend of him. Sri. Bhagarath Krishnan has promised that the Bank of India would provide prompt service, including if necessary cheque clearing facility in any city branch of the bank. He has also stated that it is worth pointing out that the service provided by the Bank of India has always been prompt and efficient. PEDSK have an opportunity to complain of any slackness in the Bank, dealing so far. No request personal or official was ever issued to the Bank of India, Thiruvallam to transfer any amount

from the account of DPEP and deposit in Bank of India Mavoor Road, Kozhikode. It is also worth mentioning that I had myself initiated proposal for transferring the SB account at Bank of India, Thiruvallam to one of the city branches in June 1997. At that time higher ups has instructed not to shift the account from the Thiruvallom Branch".

In the Governing body meeting held on 7.11.95 it was decided to open a joint operation of Bank Account in the name of State Project Director and President in respect of all payments above Rs. 10 Lakhs. Even though a decision to authorise above action the same was communicated to the bank only on 31.7.1996 after a lapse of 9 months. It has noted that in 12 instances, payments ranging from Rs. 11.67 lakhs to 126 lakhs was made by the State Project Director without obtaining the signature of the president. Out of the above 12 withdrawals only one withdrawal was from Bank of India, Thiruvallom and others from SBI, Nanthencode. The then SPD has furnished his reply for this irregularity as follows :

"Although a decision was taken at the Governing Body meeting of PEDSK held on 7.11.95 at the Chamber of the President/Secretary to Government, General Education authorising joint operation of Bank account (in fact I had myself proposed this and included this item in the agenda) the decision was formally confirmed and the minutes of the meeting approved only on 20.6.96. It is true that the copy of this decision was communicated to the bank only on 1.8.96. The delay between 20.6.96 and 1.8.96. 46 days was purely administrative delay".

The reply furnished by the then SPD was verified with the connected files and records. In the second Governing body meeting held on 20.5.94, the action of the opening of Bank account in State Bank of Travancore, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram in the name of the PEDSK was ratified vide decision No. 5. The SPD has also authorised to operate the account. It was also decided that the mode of Operation should generally be followed as per IDA/World Bank guidelines, until the approval of financial regulations of PEDSK. In the para 2, Chapter III of the financial regulation of the PEDSK, it is specified that PEDSK account will be opened with a nationalised bank by the State Project Director/District Project Co-Ordinator and such other units. This position is confirmed in para 7, 5 Chapter 7 page 60 of the Government of India's DPEP Implementation Manual.

The minutes of the 5th meeting of the Governing Body held on 7.11.95 was approved in the 6th Governing Body meeting of the PEDSK held on 20.6.96 at 4 PM in the Chamber of Secretary of Government, General Education Department. Hence the delay occurred in communicating the decision of the Governing Body to Banks is only for 46 days. On the basis of above details the reply furnished by the SPD found correct. The Manager, Bank of India has reported that the account was originally opened on 9.12.94 with operation by the Member Secretary, ie. State Project Director himself. Subsequently, on 5.8.96 the bank has received a letter from the SPD, DPEP enclosing a copy of the extract of 1018/2010.

decision taken in the meeting of Governing Body of PEDSK regarding drawal of cheques in the account for an amount of Rs. 10 lakhs and above jointly by the President and the member Secretary. The bank is following the above instruction from the date of receipt of the same.

The then SPD has opened on SB account in Bank of India, Thiruvallom under the above circumstances. He has done this when the PEDSK had an account at SBT, Vazhuthacaud and later the same was closed on 9.5.97. The SPD has also gone for opening an account in Bank of India, Thiruvallom on 9.12.94 under the influence of his school friend Shril Bhagavath Krishnan. It is very evident that he has favoured his friend for depositing DPEP fund in Bank of India, Thiruvallom 8 KM away from the office of PEDSK.

On the basis of above facts the Finance Inspection wing comes to the following conclusions in respect of the irregularities of bank deposit which pointed in the Malayala Manorama Daily dt. 19.7.1998.

1. The Whole fraudulent transfer of amount from Bank of India, Thiruvallom to Mavoor Road Kozhikode was occurred during the period from 13.2.1996 to 31.3.97 During the above period Sri. Jaya Gopalan and Shri. Bhagavath Krishnan were the Branch Managers of the above branches.
2. Shri. K. Suresh Kumar, the then SPD of DPEP has favoured them knowingly or unknowingly for this deal. He kept huge cash balance in the Bank of India, Thiruvallam during this period. It is very evident that the closing balance of pass book of the above period was from Rs. 8 crores to 4 crores. Moreover huge cash has been withdrawn only from the SBI, Nanthancode during the period in question, one withdrawal was seen made from B.O.I, Thiruvallom.
3. The Manager, B.O.I. Thiruvallom reported the inspection team that no written document was received from any officer of DPEP for transferring the amount of Rs. 2 Crores to B.O.I., Mavoor Road branch. In the enquiry conducted in B.O.I., Mavoor, Kozhikode the Branch Manager furnished informally the details of deposit in the above branch and interest transfer credited to the account holder where the account opened in Dhanalekshmy Branch, Attukal and SBT. Manacaud. But the above Manager has concealed all the above facts when he furnished the reply formally to the enquiry not of the Inspection team. The above facts revealed that the former SPD has no involvement in the fraudulent transfer credit of DPEP fund as alleged in the news paper. The name of Shri. K. Suresh Kumar was used by Shri. Bhagavath Krishnan and Shri. Jayagopalan for the fraudulent deposit and for obtaining the monetary benefit. The fraudulent withdrawal and deposit and mis-appropriation of interest amount etc. are only between the banks and the above two officers have involved in this deal. Otherwise, the involvement

of the former SPD and any Officer of the DPEP would be revealed by the bank authorities.

4. The address and specimen signatures of the account holders in SBT, Manacaud and Dhanalekshmi Attukal has also proved that the then SPD has no nexus in this deal. The photograph of the account holder is kept in the SBT, Manacaud which has no resemblance with Shri. K. Suresh Kumar former SPD of PEDSK.
5. In the reply furnished by the SPD he has pointed out that he had himself initiated a proposal for transferring the SB account from Bank of India, Thiruvallom to one of the city branch in june 1997. At that time higher ups had instructed him not to shift the account from the Thiruvallom branch. In the above reply it is revealed that some other persons have also involved in this issue for keeping the account at B.O.I., Thiruvallom.

On verification of the allotment file No. F1/454/96/DPEP it is noted that in para 59, the F.O. has recorded his view on 3.6.97 regarding the deposit in B.O.I., Thiruvallom. He remarked that they may think of transactions of the said account to any of the city branches of B.O.I. for convenience. Shri. K. Suresh Kumar then SPD has approved the suggestion of F.O. in para 60 and direct for suggestion in para 61 of the above not file. Meanwhile he has incorporated between para 62 and 63 that the Secretary (Edn.) contacted him over phone and they need not shift the account from B.O.I as suggested in para No. 59. The former SPD has incorporated the above suggestion on 19.6.1997 in the note file. The then SPD was not in a position to reveal the background of the 'Higher ups'. In the above circumstances the Administrative Department may be directed to enquire into the decision not to shift the account to the nearby branch of DPEP, in detail and action taken accordingly.

6. In the news published in the Malayala Manorama Daily dt. 19.7.1998 it was pointed out that an amount of Rs. 2 Crores have been fraudulently transfer credited in the Bank of India, Mavoor Road, Kozhikode. It was noted that the amount actually transfer credited was Rs. 4 Crores and its interest accrued later in the branch in two occassions but without the request of the SPD, DPEP. Why the Bank transfer credited this much amount in the name of a Govt. of Kerala official without his requests may be looked into seriously. Since the action of the Bank Managers are against the Banking Regulations Rules. These matter may be taken up with Reserve Bank of India for a detailed study and report.
7. The AG has worked out the belated credit of interest by B.O.I., Thiruvallom branch amounting to Rs. 0.92 lakhs. The working sheet of AG has placed in Annexure IV. Action may be taken to get the amount credited into the account of PEDKS.

8. The State share of DPEP (15%) may be released by opening a T.P. Account in Thiruvananthapuram Dist. Treasury and direction may be issued to the project Director, PEDSK that the withdrawal of the amount should be on the basis of proportionate expenditure from the Central grant.
9. The irregularity of bank deposit was discussed with CBI officials. The Superintendent of Police and Dy. Supdt. of Police of CBI have informed the inspection team during the discussion that the issue is under investigation.
10. The credibility of DPEP is to be protected, apart from the report published in the Malayala Manorama Daily dt. 19.7.1998. Otherwise, Govt. of India will take it adversely and the project we started will be collapsed. Govt. may, therefore, take appropriate steps for the above.

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1. Roads :-

1. Constn. of Parallel service road in Palakkad bypass between ch. 2005 m and 3445 m – Phase II.
2. Constn. of Parallel service road to Thiruvananthapuram-Neyyattinkara combined bypass from kallumood to Thiruvallam (Right side) work in progress.
3. Constn. of drain and culverts to the parallel service road of Trivandrum-Neyyattinkara combined bypass from Chackai to Inchaikal work in progress.
4. Constn. of road and bridges from Nettoor to Kundannoor (Parallel service road).
5. Widening four lane from Kesavadasapuram to Mannanthala A.S. and S.S. accorded) vide G.O. (Rt) No. 1011/97/PW&T dt. 21.8.97).
6. Widening four lane from Kesavadasapuram to PMG junction (S.S. not received. A.S. accorded vide G.O. (Rt) 555/97/PW&T dt. 28.4.97).
7. Widening four lane from karamana to killipalam-S.S. accorded for original A.S. vide G.O. (Rt) 1298/97/PWD dt/ 21.8.95. Revised A.S. accorded vide G.O. (Rt). 542/98/PWD dt. 28.8.98.
8. Widening and providing B.M. & A.C. from Ulloor to Kesavadasapuram and P.M.G. to Choorakattupalayam. A.S. and S.S. accorded vide G.O. (Rt) No. 175/98/PWD dt. 2.3.98